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## Sarkis to join parley July 4

By Staff Writer

JEDDAH, June 24 — Foreign Ministers of Saudi Arabia, Syria, Lebanon and Kuwait, trying to end the Lebanese crisis, concluded their talks here Wednesday with recommendations that are to be discussed with Lebanese President Elias Sarkis July 4.

In a statement on its preparatory session, the four-party committee stressed the importance of remaining committed to the ceasefire by all parties concerned in Lebanon.

In Wednesday's session, the committee concentrated on the Lebanese paper which consisted of the Lebanese government's concept on the basis for a final solution to the Lebanese crisis. The Lebanese concept emphasizes the strengthening of the army and stationing it in sensitive areas, in addition to opening bridges between the east and west of Beirut. It also calls for a discussion on the position of the Arab deterrent force.

The four-party committee is also understood to have discussed the results of contacts held by the Lebanese legal authority with the parties concerned, with a view to enabling the Lebanese President to take a final decision on the subject.

Meanwhile, Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam told *Arab News* that the ministers did not touch on the subject of Zahrani nor any other marginal problem. Instead they discussed the "basic problem, which is the general situation in Lebanon." Commenting on the committee's task, Khaddam said that "it is doing a big job of national dimensions, and it can never accept the grabing of Lebanon by Israel. It also would not become an obstacle before the majority of Lebanese who are eager to liberate themselves from the Israeli domination."

*Arab News* learns that the difficulties which the committee is trying to overcome includes an ending of relations of some parties in Lebanon with Israel. Meanwhile, the committee also discussed general subjects concerning the Arab deterrent force and the Lebanese security machinery, and agreed on building a strong army in Lebanon, free from political wrangles.

### King receives ministers, arrives in Taif

TAIF, June 24 (SPA) — King Khalid arrived here Wednesday from Jeddah. He was accompanied by Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard, Makkah Governor Prince Majed. He was welcomed at the airport by Sheikh Saleh Saieem, governor of Taif and many other senior officials and officers.

Earlier in the day the King received separately the foreign ministers of Syria and Lebanon, Abdul Halim Khaddam and Faud Butros who were attending the meetings of the Arab Follow-up Committee to discuss the situation in Lebanon. The meetings were attended by Prince Abdullah, Foreign Minister Prince Saud and Special Adviser Dr. Rashed Rashaan.

Crown Prince Fahd also received the Syrian minister at his office later in the day.

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### Minor jobs for Communists

## Mitterrand speaks of high hopes, great tasks

PARIS, June 24 (AP) — President François Mitterrand opening the first French cabinet meeting in 34 years to include Communists, said Wednesday that he was counting on the French people to rally massively around his new government and its policies.

"The hope of our people is immense and our responsibility historic," Mitterrand told the cabinet, according to Pierre Bergerey, the Elysee chief of staff who briefed reporters. "The adhesion of a large majority of our people to the policies that I have defined and which constitute the charter of government action, is a guarantee for its success," the president said.

The decision to include four members of the Communist Party in the predominantly Socialist government makes France (as the only major Western power with Communists in its central government.

The appointment of the four Communists surprised no one in France, as it has been widely expected. The strongest criticism came from rightist political figures and the conservative press.

Jacques Blanc, vice president of the Union for French Democracy, the coalition formed by former President Valery Giscard d'Estaing, said the move finally unmasked Mitterrand, whom he said had abandoned the center-left in favor of the total left.

Bernard Pons, secretary-general of the Gaullist Party, said many Frenchmen simply did not want to believe that this would happen. For *L'Aurore*, one of the most conservative newspapers in France, naming Communist ministers was Mitterrand's first serious mistake. "Everywhere it has been in power, Communism has always tolled the bell on fundamental liberties," the newspaper wrote.

"For the moment, the Socialist Party seems to hold the trump," said *Le Figaro*, another conservative daily. "Nothing says the situation will be the same when the first economic difficulties begin dissipate the euphoria of the socialist voters."

Others took a wait and see attitude. *Les Echos*, a financial and business daily, asked if Mitterrand had not gone too far. "For the moment, in any case, he has won his gamble. The purchase of a certain social peace. He counts on a change in the nature of the Communist Party. That supposes the break of all links with Moscow and the abandoning of the (idea) of maximum collectivization of the means of production."

Despite concern about the attitude of Western allies, Mitterrand's first priority is internal stability.

The following is the list of the members of the new French government announced Tuesday:

Premier Pierre Mauroy  
Ministers of state:  
Minister of the interior and decentralization Gaston Delors. Unchanged.  
Minister of foreign trade Michel Jobert. Unchanged.  
Minister of transport Charles Fiterman. New.

Minister of planning and national development Michel Rocard. Unchanged.

Minister of research and technology Jean-Pierre Chevènement. Unchanged.

Ministers:  
Minister of national solidarity Nicole Questiaux. Unchanged, formerly minister of state.

Minister attached to the premier for women's rights Yvette Bouyé. Unchanged.

Minister attached to the premier for parliamentary relations André Labarrère. Unchanged.

Minister attached to the premier charged with civil service and administrative reforms André le Pors. New.

Minister of justice, guardian of the seals Justice Robert Badinter. New.

Minister of external relations Claude Cheysson. Unchanged.

Minister attached to minister of external relations for European affairs André Chandonier. Unchanged.

Minister attached to the minister of external affairs for cooperation Jean-Pierre Cot. Unchanged.

Minister of defense Charles Hernu. Unchanged.

Minister of economy and finance Jacques Delors. Unchanged.

Minister attached to the minister of finances for budget Laurent Fabius. Unchanged.

Minister of national education Alain Savary. Unchanged.

Minister of agriculture Edith Cresson. Unchanged.

Minister of industry Pierre Dreyfus. New.

Minister attached to the minister of energy for Edmund Hervé. New assignment.

Minister of commerce and cottage industry André Delis. Unchanged.

Minister of culture Jack Lang. Unchanged.

Minister of defense Jean-Jacques Servan-Schreiber. Unchanged.

Minister of health Jack Peltier. Unchanged.

Minister of free time André Henry. Unchanged.

Minister attached to the minister of free time for youth and sports Edwige Arvee. Unchanged.

Minister of urbanism and housing Roger Quillot. Unchanged.

Minister of environment Michel Crepeau. Unchanged.

Minister of the sea Louis le Pensec. Unchanged.

Minister of communications Georges Fillion. Unchanged.

Minister of post office and telecommunications Louis Mezardier. Unchanged.

Minister of veterans Jean Laurain. Unchanged.

Minister of consumer affairs Catherine Lalumière. New assignment.

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## Salman honors Riyadh U graduates

**Abdul Mohsen attends Dhahran commencements**

RIYADH, June 24 (SPA) — Riyadh Governor Prince Salman, Tuesday, honored the 21st group of 1,061 students from Riyadh University. The ceremony, at the university's gymnasium, off Diriyah Road, was also attended by Hassan ibn Abdullah Al-Sheikh, minister of higher education and chancellor of Saudi Arabian universities; the rector, Dr. Mansour Al-Turki; and other officials.

Prince Salman said it was a momentous occasion to attend the graduation of the country's youth in all branches of education to start their active life and serve their religion their King and their country. He said they constitute the real wealth of the country, after "our faith in God." He reminded the youths that their country, as directed by King Khalid and Crown Prince Fahd, gave them a lot.

He told them that the first thing they should do is to adhere to the teachings of God as prescribed in the Holy Quran and to use all that they have learned to improve the quality of life of their countrymen. He said he was proud of Riyadh University for the qualified cadres it had already produced and for its constant contribution in this field.

More than 4,318 students registered for B.A. degrees at Riyadh university in the 1980/81 academic year an increase of 1.4 percent over last year, according to statistics released by the university Tuesday. This brought to 14,096 the total number of students reading for B.A.'s at the university. Therefore, the overall figure was 8.4 percent higher than the previous year.

Post graduate students numbered 142 in 1980/81. They include 95 preparing their master's degrees, and the rest their general



GRADUATION: Riyadh Governor Prince Salman congratulates one of the university graduates at a ceremony held in the capital Tuesday evening. Higher Education Minister Hassan Al-Sheikh (left), and Rector Mansour Al-Turki (right) look on.

diplomas. Also, the teaching staff totaled 925 during the same academic year, an increase of 21.6 percent over 1979/80. Lecturers and assistant professors numbered 719 in 1980/81.

In Dhahran, Tuesday afternoon, Eastern Province Governor Prince Abdul Mohsen ibn Jiluhi honored the 26th, 27th and 28th class graduates of the Technical Studies Institute, totaling 62. The graduates gave a military performance for the Prince, then took their oath of honor before him. They include Sudanese and Bahraini nationals.

The ceremony was also attended by Eastern Province Commander, Maj. Gen. Ali Al-Bouri; Airforce Col. Ali Ahmad Al-Ghamdi, commander of King Abdul Aziz airbase in Dhahran; and other senior officials and high-ranking military personnel.

Airforce Col. Abdul Aziz Al-Heneidi, the commander of the institute, said the occasion also marked the institute's 11th birthday. It was officially dedicated by Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan on the same day in 1970. He said that extension projects totaling SR110 million were underway to develop and enlarge all sections of the institute and raise the quality of its graduates.

Meanwhile, in Hasa five girls graduated from the nursing institute and were honored as the 11th group. In a speech on the occasion, Jawaher Al-Oweisi, the director of the institute, invited the girls to enter the institute's service so that Saudi manpower may replace foreigners as nurses in the Kingdom's hospitals. She added that the door will be open for registration as of next month. The ceremony was attended by the wife of Hessa governor.

It was also announced Tuesday that more than 202 trainees will graduate from Ahsa's vocational training institute at the end of this month. They specialized in car mechanics, electric installations, carpentry, plumbing and welding. Those attending 14-18 month morning courses get a SR600-800 monthly salary, in addition to SR120 as cost of living indemnity and SR3,000, six months after they graduate. For six-month evening courses, trainees are given SR400 a month, in addition to SR120 for clothing, and SR2,000 as an incentive when they graduate.

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## Majed opens Jubail industrial exhibition

JEDDAH, June 24 (SPA) — Makkah Governor Prince Majed, Tuesday evening, opened the first exhibition of the industrial city of Jubail. He was met on arrival by Planning Minister Sheikh Hisam Nazer.

The secretary general of the Royal Commission for Jubail and Yanbu made a speech in which he said that Saudi Arabia was a model and an example for the good treatment of foreign workers. The commission builds housing compounds for foreign workers or for the companies working with it, he said. And, in addition to wages or salaries, the commission offers its workers one of the highest standards of living in the world, he explained. It also gives a chance to companies and individuals to build, rent and sell.

Prince Majed toured the various parts of the exhibition and was briefed by Saudi Arabian engineers on the items on display and the models and layouts prepared by the commission.

The Jubail industrial city project includes four basic industries and ten support industries. More over, ten residential quarters have been built to accommodate 21,500 workers and employees. The site of an 11th housing compound is also ready for construction.

### Royal visit souvenirs made in U.K.

LONDON, June 24 (LPS) — To commemorate the visit to Britain of King Khalid of Saudi Arabia a window display has been mounted by Asprey and Company, the London-based firm of jewellers, goldsmiths and silversmiths. It is the first time the company has specially decked out its window to mark a state visit.

The display includes some of Asprey's finest pieces of silverware, which the company thinks will appeal to Saudi Arabian tastes.

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### Sound work to be fitted

LONDON, June 24 (LPS) — A conference hall within the sports complex at Buraidah is to be made acoustically correct. A reflective ceiling will be fitted to carry sound or speech to everyone sitting in the hall, and there will be sound-absorbing panels on the walls. Both ceilings and walls will be finished in polished chestnut to meet the client's aesthetic needs. The work will be done by Design for Sound, of eastern England.

Furthermore, 80 million cubic meters of sand have been removed to prepare the sites of most secondary plants. Some two-thirds of the design work for the handling of petrochemical products have been completed. Likewise, more than 130 kilometers of road have been designed and another 25 kms have been asphalted.

Concerning Jubail City airport, a 4,000 meter runway has been surfaced and domestic planes are already landing there. Also, 90 percent of the designs of a permanent electric power network have been prepared. More than 60 percent of engineering designs for a telecommunications network have been completed. A 1,600 line telephone network has been installed.

About 80 percent of designs for a water and sewage network are ready and 13 subterranean wells are being drilled. A plant has also been set up to treat and purify some 15,000 cubic meters of water a day. A computer has been established for general purposes. A 100-bed hospital has been built along with several schools, and a permanent vocational and technical training center is under construction.

arrangement, the window features a grey-black panther of oxidized silver with gilt decorations; three bronze horses; a falcon made of labradorite decorated with silver gilt; three birds of prey made of iron pyrites (fool's gold) and quartz with bronze wings and gold trimmings; and an arrangement of camels and palm trees of silver gilt set on a marble plinth overlaid with green verdite. Prices range from £15,200 to £37,000.

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## Prince Fahd approves student club in Amman

RIYADH, June 24 (SPA) — Crown Prince Fahd approved Wednesday a grant of SR400,000 for the construction of a club for Saudi Arabian students in Jordan on the basis of a proposal made by Prince Faisal ibn Fahd, president of youth welfare. The club will rally the students in Jordanian institutions and keep them in constant touch with home.

Meanwhile, Labor and Social Affairs Minister Ibrahim Al-Ansari, acting president of youth welfare, will lead the Kingdom's delegation to the Arab Youth and Sports Council's Executive Bureau meetings starting in Amman Sunday. The delegation will leave here Saturday.

The five-day session of the council will discuss Arab-European dialogue in regard to sports and youth welfare, recommendations of the Arab Youth Activities Committee and other issues. The executive bureau is comprised of the Kingdom, Iraq, Kuwait, Lebanon, Tunisia, Jordan and the UAE.

The delegation comprises Ibrahim Al-Shan, acting undersecretary of the youth welfare presidency who represented the Kingdom at the Arab Youth Activities Committee, and other officials of the presidency. The session's agenda also includes the issue of the Arab Science clubs union and organizing the sixth Arab youth festival.

## Ambassador Nouri feted

BONN, June 24 (SPA) — The Saudi Arabian embassy here gave a dinner in honor of Muhammad Ibrahim Nouri, the Kingdom's ambassador to West Germany, Tuesday. Nouri has been appointed ambassador to Spain and will soon take up his post in Madrid.

Arab and foreign ambassadors attended the banquet.

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U.K. proposal backed

## EEC urges 2-stage talks on Afghanistan

LUXEMBOURG, June 24 (Agencies) — The European Common Market has given its backing to a British proposal for an international conference aimed at getting Soviet troops out of Afghanistan, Dutch Foreign Minister Christoph van der Klaauw said Tuesday.

Under the proposal, there would be a two-stage conference in Islamabad involving the five members of the United Nations Security Council and neighboring nonaligned states. Klaauw said details of the proposal were delivered Tuesday to the Soviet authorities by the British Ambassador in Moscow Sir Curtis Keeble. Klaauw, who chaired a meeting of EEC foreign ministers here to discuss the proposal, declined to go into further details.

But EEC sources said the project, to be discussed further by EEC government leaders at a summit meeting opening here June 29, built on a similar suggestion made by former French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing last January.

Giscard's proposal, in a letter to Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev, failed to end the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan despite the diplomatic pressure brought to bear on the Kremlin authorities. But EEC sources said they thought the latest proposal by British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington stood a greater chance of success, because of the new two-stage element introduced.

In the first stage, the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council — the United States, the Soviet Union, Britain, France and China — would meet along with

### Bangladesh protests to Soviet Union

DACCA, June 24 (R) — Bangladeshi has protested to the Soviet Union about an attempt to import sophisticated radio equipment without authorization Foreign Minister Shamsul Huq told parliament Tuesday.

In response to an opposition motion on an airport scuffle a week ago between Soviet Embassy personnel and security officials, he said Ambassador V.P. Stepanov was summoned to the foreign ministry Monday and handed a protest note. The ambassador had been told that Bangladesh took a serious view of the behavior of embassy personnel at Dacca airport who had to be forcibly prevented from removing a 10-ton container, registered as holding building materials, which in fact held a high-frequency radio transmitter and other sophisticated equipment.

neighboring Asian countries to discuss Soviet claims that it intervened in Afghanistan in December 1979, to ward off other foreign interference in the area. Diplomatic sources said Pakistan had already given its support to the proposal, and India and Iran would also be invited to attend.

Afghanistan itself however, would only participate in second stage of the conference, which would discuss Afghanistan's future status and independent sovereignty, including a British proposal made nearly 18 months ago that Afghanistan should become an internationally-recognized neutral state.

Lord Carrington, who takes over the presidency of the EEC council of ministers for six months from July 1, has urged the Soviet Union to agree to the proposed conferences as early as possible, and by the autumn at the latest.

The British foreign secretary will also have to lead the EEC's search for a Common Market role in promoting a Middle East peace settlement during his six-monthly EEC presidency.

Klaauw, the outgoing EEC president, said he had submitted a report on his fact-finding tour of more than 14 countries in the area to EEC governments. The EEC summit would discuss what steps to take next.

The Dutch minister said he did not personally think a new Middle East tour by Lord Carrington would be necessary, although British diplomatic sources said Lord Carrington would contact the next Israeli government as quickly as possible after elections there June 30.

The main unanswered question for the future was the U.S. administration's attitude to the Arab-Israeli conflict, Klaauw said. "Europe can do certain things, but without the U.S., we can't manage," Klaauw said. "There is always a Soviet menace in the Middle East. Somewhere, the U.S. must be in the background."

Klaauw said he thought the latest project differed significantly from Giscard's proposal. "The Afghanistan problem remains very important and we must try to find a solution," he told a press conference. "Whether we will succeed remains to be seen, but anyway we can try."

EEC diplomatic sources said the British proposals were designed to give the Soviet Union a chance of fulfilling its stated aim of withdrawing its troops from Afghanistan gracefully, with assurances of Afghanistan's future neutrality.

## Pakistan spends \$1.5b on defense

ISLAMABAD, June 24 (R) — Pakistan's government may give the first clue to the country's future defense spending plans Thursday when it announces its 1981 budget.

There has been intense speculation about its immediate defense needs since the U.S. and Pakistan agreed this month on a five-year, \$3 billion military and economic package.

Pakistan has said it will pay cash for an unspecified number of F-16 planes and other military equipment until the accord comes into force in October next year.

Finance ministry figures released Wednesday showed that Pakistan's overall defense spending in the year from July 1 last year was nearly \$1.5 billion. There were no details of the spending.

The figure was about 15 percent more than the previous year and Western diplomats expect the pace of defense spending to be maintained in Thursday's budget. Since President Zia-ul-Haq took power in July 1977, Pakistan's defense spending has risen about 60 percent, with a big jump following the Soviet intervention in neighboring Afghanistan 18 months ago.

The government was advised to take

Foreign Minister Agha Shahi said after the talks about the U.S. economic and military package that Pakistan's Arab friends would help pay for the country's immediate defense needs. President Zia walks a tight-rope between Indian and Soviet suspicion of Pakistan's defense posture and has stressed that defense arrangements with the U.S. do not interfere with Pakistan's status as a nonaligned nation.

Pakistan's English language newspapers Wednesday published lengthy front-page extracts from an interview the president gave to an Indian magazine 10 days ago stressing nonalignment.

In the interview, with the weekly *Sunday* published June 14, the day before the U.S. package was agreed, the president said Pakistan wanted to buy urgently-needed defense equipment from the U.S. which was a traditional source for such supplies.

Thursday's budget is certain to be closely studied by international aid organizations and a consortium of West European nations helping Pakistan with its economic problems. Last November, Pakistan accepted the terms of a three-year, \$1.7 billion loan from the International Monetary Fund.

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rebels on June 22 in the city, the sources reported.

They said several contacts had told them that in a rebel attack in a southern suburb of Kabul on the night of June 17, two children had been mistakenly killed in action.

The rebels apologized the following day and promised to pay compensation to the parents, the sources said. Soviet jets and helicopter gunships carried out heavy bombing and strafing attacks against a suspected rebel position in Wardak province west of Kabul June 16, the sources said.

A reliable contact told the sources that hundreds of wounded villagers had arrived from Wardak June 18 for treatment in Kabul hospital. Fighting was also reported in Logar province south of Kabul and Afghan sources reported that nearly 3,000 Afghan troops had been brought from Logar to the outskirts of Kabul June 19.

Moscow and Kabul signed a similar treaty in 1978, little more than one year before Soviet troops intervened in Afghanistan.

CTK said that bilateral questions took up a major chunk of the leaders' first talks also attended by Gen. Karel Rusov, Czechoslovak vice-premier of defense, and Telecommunications Minister Vaclav Chalupka.

Karmal, who served briefly as Afghan ambassador to Prague in 1978, called on Pakistan to abandon an anti-Afghan course and open the way for a peaceful settlement of the problems in the area.

Husak accused the United States and China of deliberately obstructing a political settlement of tensions around Afghanistan. Husak said his country opposed any attempts to take the Afghan question to international forums, such as the United Nations or the European Security Conference in Madrid. Both sides said they were concerned about a U.S. presence in the Gulf and the Indian Ocean, CTK reported.

Kabul radio, in a broadcast monitored in India, said that Karmal stopped briefly in two Soviet cities before traveling to Prague.

### Russia accuses U.S. of plotting against Libya

MOSCOW, June 24 (AFP) — The Soviet Communist Party accused the United States Wednesday of plotting against Libya in the hope of overthrowing Col. Muammar Qaddafi. The official party newspaper, *Pravda*, wrote that Washington had launched a "campaign of provocation" against Libya, ranging from the expulsion of Libya's diplomats and the closure of their embassy, to verbal attacks on Tripoli, to maneuvers of the U.S. Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean off the Libyan coast.

The Reagan administration is "preparing a secret plan under which Egypt and other moderate Arab countries would be used to overthrow the regime of Muammar Qaddafi," *Pravda* said. It claimed that what had angered Washington was Tripoli's anti-imperialist position. "The Libyan government displeases the expansionists in Washington who have decided to make themselves at home in the Middle East", *Pravda* wrote, in what appeared an ironic twist on the U.S. State Department's recent denunciation of Libyan "expansionism".

some unpopular measures, raising prices of some foodstuffs and services like electricity as well as liberalizing its import policies.

The finance ministry Wednesday released figures showing a favorable economic growth rate for the 12 months from last July 1. The economy grew just under six percent compared with a level of a little over six percent which the government hoped for.

### Israel can make bomb, says Dayan

TEL AVIV, June 24 (AP) — Israel's Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan said Wednesday that Israel is capable of building nuclear weapons, and would do so if needed.

Dayan made the remarks to an Italian television interviewer and confirmed them in a telephone conversation with the Associated Press. "Israel has the ability to quickly produce nuclear weapons and will do so" Dayan added.

Israel's nuclear potential has come under renewed international security following the June 7 bombing of the Iraqi nuclear research center.

## Reactor core not damaged in bombing, says IAEA

ZURICH, June 24 (R) — No dangerous amount of radioactive material was released when Israeli planes bombed an Iraqi nuclear research center this month, but the plant suffered considerable damage, a senior official of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) said here Tuesday.

Hans Gruemm, vice-chairman of the IAEA's department of safeguards, said the reactor's core might still be intact. But he did not make clear whether the IAEA's information came from its own inspectors on the spot or other sources.

Gruemm, who was answering questions at a press conference organized by a Swiss group promoting nuclear energy, repeated past assertions by the IAEA that Iraq could not have built an atomic bomb at the research center.

## Qaddafi's envoy meets Saddam

BEIRUT, June 24 (AP) — Libyan leader Col. Muammar Qaddafi in a continuation of efforts to mend political fences in the Arab world, has his number two man to Iraq Tuesday with a personal message for President Saddam Hussein.

The Iraqi News Agency said Qaddafi's top-level emissary, Maj. Abdul Salam Jalloud, "exchanged frank and serious view" with the Iraqi leader on the need to present a united Arab front after Israel's air raid on Iraq's nuclear research center. The dispatch gave no further details on the talk.

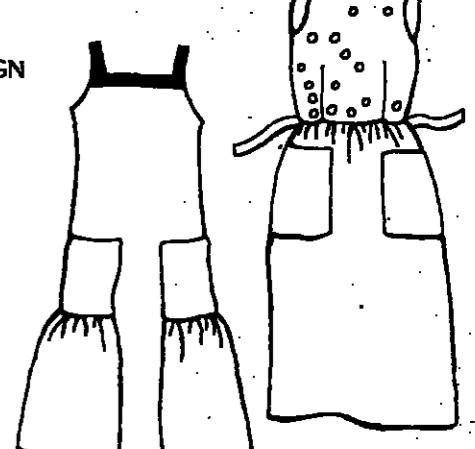
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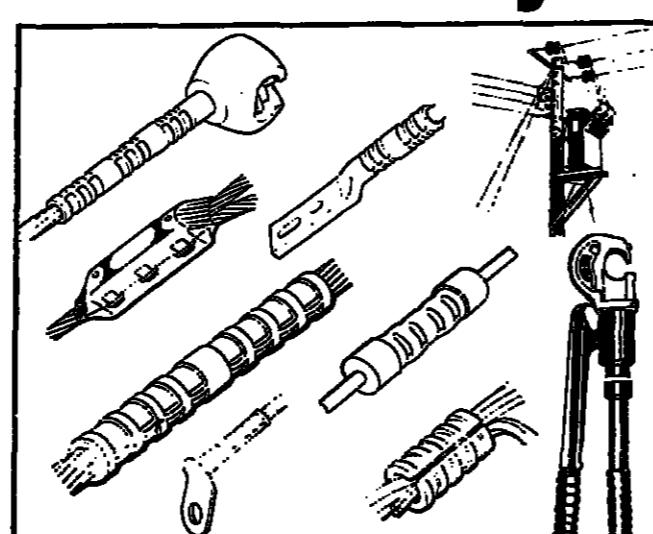
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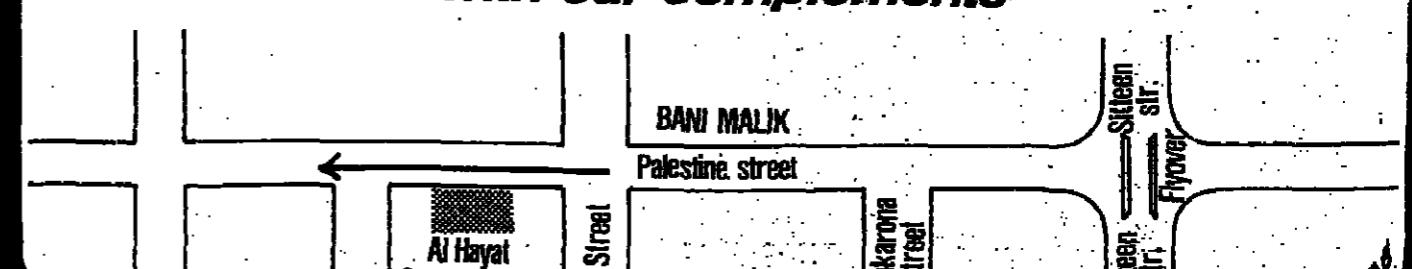
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## Ali Rajai announces candidature

TEHRAN, June 24 (Agencies) — Prime Minister Muhammad Ali Rajai Wednesday announced plans to run for president, shortly after official word that elections would take place next month for a successor to ousted head of state Abolhassan Bani-Sadr.

Rajai, questioned by an Iranian journalist on reports that he would stand, said "if the people wish it, I will take this post."

State radio, quoting a communique from the Interim Presidential Council said the election would be held July 24 with a second round seven days later if no single candidate won an absolute majority. Chief Justice Muhammad Beheshti, a member of the council, meanwhile, said that members of the clergy would be allowed to stand although he himself would not be a candidate.

The move reverses the procedure followed at the first presidential poll 17 months ago when the clergy conformed to the wish of Ayatollah Khomeini that only laymen should be candidates.

It was Ayatollah Khomeini who sacked Bani-Sadr Monday after parliament overwhelmingly voted that the president was politically incompetent. Ayatollah Beheshti, who heads the dominant, clergy-led Islamic Republic Party (IRP), said his party had not yet made its choice but hoped to pick a single candidate along with "all Islamic groups and organizations who follow the line of Imam Khomeini". Observers said that the IRP's choice would have every chance of being elected to the post.

Ayatollah Beheshti also indicated that a foreign minister could soon be named and his

By West Bank leaders

## Strategy against U.S. urged

AMMAN, June 24 (AP) — A group of West Bank officials and religious leaders have appealed to Arab states to set up "an Arab strategy to strike at American interests in the Arab world" and for a boycott of American products, the Jordanian daily *Ad-Dustour* reported Wednesday.

The group included Sheikh Abdulhamid Saych, former mufti of Jerusalem and chairman of the Save-Jerusalem Committee, Archbishop Elia Khoury, head of the Angli-

can church, former Jerusalem Mayor Rohi Khatib, Suleiman Haddidi, a bar association chairman, West Bank mayors Fahed Kawsar of Hebron and Muhammad Milhem of Halhoul who were expelled from the Israeli-occupied West Bank last September, and Muhammad Mahdi, chairman of the Arab-American Relation Committee in Washington.

The group also called for an effective formula "for an active" Arab propaganda and information media abroad.

### BRIEFS

HONOLULU, (R) — A senior U.S. official said Tuesday that Iraq may want to establish normal relations with the United States following the U.S. vote at the United Nations condemning Israel's raid on Iraq's nuclear research center.

BEIRUT, (AP) — U.S. presidential envoy Philip C. Habib held talks with Lebanese Prime Minister Shafik Wazzan Wednesday in a continued effort to bring peace to war-torn Lebanon.

CAIRO, (AP) — An Egyptian court Tuesday cleared former Deputy Premier Ahmad Sultan of the charge of receiving bribe total-

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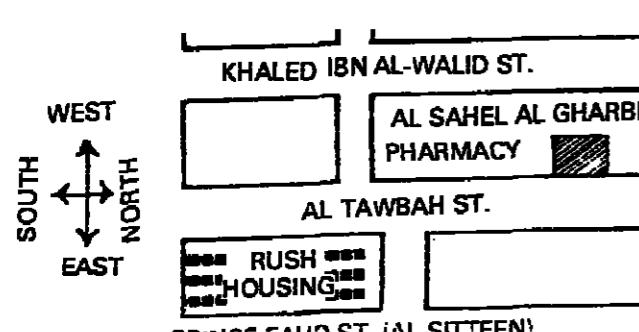
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## U.S. nuclear talks with Israel frozen

In a related development, five more men were executed by firing squads in Tehran's Evin Prison, state radio said Tuesday raising to 37 the number of persons shot since demonstrations against the government last weekend.

Three other men were executed in provincial cities, one for having links with the regime of the deposed Shah and two for sexual offenses, the Tehran newspaper *Sohb-e-Azadegan* (Dawn of freedom) said.

In Qom, six persons were killed and 56 wounded in Tuesday's bomb blast at the railway station according to a new toll issued Wednesday. Revolutionary guards in Qom said the "incendiary" device went off in the station waiting room only minutes after the arrival from Tehran of a train bound for Ahwaz in southern Iran.

In Hamburg, about 50 Iranians forced their way into the Iranian consulate Tuesday, fought with the employees and destroyed some furniture before fleeing when police arrived at the scene, police reported. Police arrested three persons as they fled the building and three others inside the consulate, officials said. Police said they did not know the motive behind the attack on the consulate.

But the authoritative *Al-Ahram* quoted Information Minister Mansour Hassan, in reply to repeated questions, as reiterating his refusal to deny or confirm Bani-Sadr's presence or imminent arrival in Egypt. The paper quotes Hassan as saying "Egypt prides itself on being a haven for political refugees throughout history," adding that he would or would not issue a formal statement on "the matter, depending on developments."

TEL AVIV, June 24 (AFP) — American nuclear plant builders have "frozen" talks with Israel on its nuclear power program, the newspaper *Maariv* said Wednesday.

The decision followed the U.N. Security Council reprimand handed out to Israel for bombing the Tammuz reactor in Iraq, the paper noted. *Maariv* said: "It is to be hoped that the freeze is only temporary. In recent months, Israel has been in contact with several American nuclear plant builders...Numerous U.S. experts have visited Israel to discuss the projects on the spot."

Recalling that the experts came with U.S. government approval, it suggested that the freeze was inspired by the administration.

Meanwhile, Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin denied Wednesday that he publicly disclosed the contents of a secret American document allegedly expressing concern that Iraq was planning to build nuclear weapons. State Department spokesman David Parage said Tuesday the U.S. exchanged information with friendly countries on nuclear proliferation.

## Shagari stays away OAU summit talks open

NAIROBI, June 24 (AFP) — The Organization of African Unity's 18th annual heads of state meeting opened here Wednesday. President Daniel Arap Moi of Kenya took over the chair from the outgoing OAU chairman, President Siaka Stevens of Sierra Leone.

Earlier, OAU ministers failed to reach agreement on the Middle East after a second late-night session, arousing concern and criticism among certain member states who are not members of the Arab League.

The ministers, who are preparing resolutions for submission to the summit adjourned exhausted in the early hours Wednesday without reaching an accord.

The sticking point has been the Arab League members' demand for condemnation of the Israel-Egypt peace process, with specific mention of Camp David, and many hours have been spent on the issue.

The critics include states, such as host country Kenya, which traditionally had close links with Israel, but broke relations with Tel Aviv after the 1973 October war, out of Afro-Arab solidarity.

The feeling is that Africa is being dragged into the Middle East conflict to the detriment

of basic continental issues.

Criticisms in the lobbies at the Kenyatta Conference Center here focus on Libya, which is deeply involved in the two top summit issues — Western Sahara and Chad, where Libya maintains a force of 10,000 men. The intervention upset even Chad's Islamic neighbors, such as Niger and Mali.

Egypt is one country campaigning against Libya as the host state for the 1982 summit, and is expected to get considerable support, even though Tripoli has pledged it will not ban any member — such as Egypt — from attendance. It had been hoped here that Nigerian President Shehu Shagari would act as counterweight to Libya at the conference, but his visit was cancelled suddenly Tuesday "as a mark of displeasure" at the OAU secretary's apparent failure to react to the Nigeria-Cameroun border dispute.

Nigeria protested to the secretariat after a border clash five weeks ago in which five Nigeria soldiers were killed. There was still no comment from the secretariat.

Egypt suffered a significant diplomatic setback Tuesday when several of its traditional friends joined Arab states in a condemnation of the Camp David peace agreements.

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## Guatemala massacre was to 'punish' village

By Susan Morgan

**SAN MATAO IXTATAN, Guatemala** — A cold drizzle drifted the graves where the village of San Matao Ixtatan has buried 36 of its men, women and children, massacred earlier in the month by an unknown group of armed men. The mile-high isolated Indian village lies in the mountainous northwest of Guatemala, close to the Mexican border.

Guerrilla activity is strong in the region and an army truck was blown up and a lieutenant killed by the "subversives" just behind our Land-Rover on the precipitous track leading to the village. Villagers, dressed in the traditional wide black hats and deep brown ponchos, spoke reluctantly to the first strangers to arrive since the massacre.

They believe they were being punished for the growing losses inflicted on the army by left-wing guerrillas whose 4,000-strong forces have recently been swelled by the recruitment of young radicalized Indians.

On the night of the killings, the assassins arrived just after midnight, broke down the locked doors of the first four brick and mud dwellings at the edge of the village and, using flashlights to pinpoint their sleeping victims, machinegunned 41 persons. Villagers heard a single car drive away but were so frightened that it was six hours before they dared investigate. They found five wounded survivors in two homes, none at all in the others.

One woman survivor said the assassins were members of the revolutionary Army of the Poor, one of the four main guerrilla movements operating in Guatemala, but most villagers believed the massacre was perpetrated either by the army or by one of the four right-wing vigilante groups who allegedly operate with the tacit support of the military government.

Two soldiers came to the village after the killings and make a cursory investigation, but such massacres are common in Guatemala's continuing civil strife and the killers were not officially identified. The four million indigenous population concentrated in the north and west of the country fear aggressive anti-guerrilla repression against them will grow more severe as the guerrillas achieve increasing successes in their rugged territory.

Some 4,000 Guatemalans have become the victims of the violence racking the country in the past 18 months and according to one clandestine human rights activist here, as many as 50,000 may have been killed since the start of the left-wing insurrection in 1954, after the CIA helped put a right-wing colonel into power in a coup. It is not surprising that 3,000 peasants a month are now emigrating to Mexico.

But more serious for the future of the country is the slaughter of the liberal, educated elite, considered by the right-wing to be subversive. Figures gathered by the U.S. State Department in its 1980 report on human rights in Guatemala, together with updated information from clandestine human rights activists here, show that in the past 18 months 67 lawyers, 100 trades unionists, more than 100 Christian Democrat leaders, eight priests and 14 journalists have been killed. Many more have been kidnapped and their bodies never found.

After the murder of 136 university teachers and professors at the national university of San Carlos in the capital in the past 18 months, the university is now virtually paralyzed.

It is almost impossible to find new teaching staff under these circumstances. "I consider the university to be the life-breath of the guerrillas," a high-placed colonel told a local academic. Now 70 elementary teachers have been killed, 36 so far this year, and scores more are leaving rural areas in terror before the wave of kidnappings and assassinations directed against them. — (ONS)

### Letter to the editor

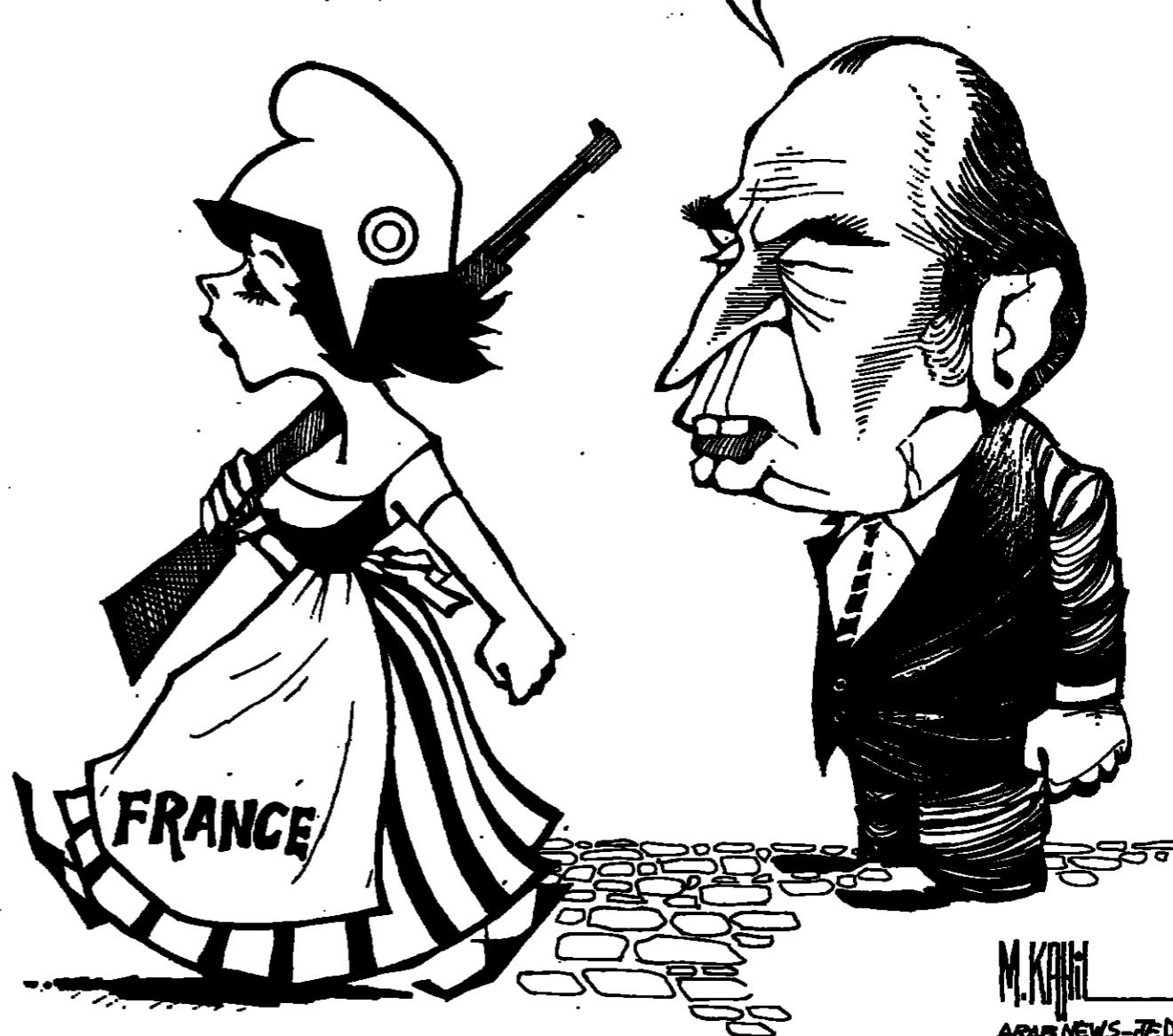
#### Israel responsible

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Allow me, Sir, to reiterate that Israel remains 100 percent responsible for the wanton bombing and destruction of the Iraqi nuclear reactor. It might have achieved some short-term military gain but surely has lost a big political game and struck a nail in the coffin of the Camp David agreement because it is about time Anwar Sadat changed his mind.

Yours faithfully  
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## America loses maritime superiority

By Robert C. Toth

WASHINGTON —

"Sooner or later" Adm. Sergei G. Gorshkov predicted in 1976 as he directed an unprecedented buildup in the Soviet Navy, "the United States will have to understand that it no longer has mastery of the sea." The moment that Gorshkov anticipated has arrived.

"We have lost our maritime superiority," U.S. Secretary of the Navy John Lehman said recently as he discussed the emergence of the Soviet Navy as a "blue water" force capable of operating throughout the world, far from its home bases.

Virtually all defense specialists now would agree with that assessment. Much as the Soviet Union's strategic missile strength has grown to equal the U.S. nuclear arsenal, a recent navy intelligence estimate concluded that the Soviet Navy has expanded "to challenge the United States in all aspects of maritime power, qualitatively and quantitatively."

In less than two decades, the Soviet Navy has been transformed from a force capable of little more than coastal defense into an armada so formidable that it already has forced the United States to share control of some oceans. And the momentum continues.

Lehman disclosed that the Soviets have begun building their first great nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, the class of warships that has most symbolized U.S. dominance of distant seas since World War II. Naval historians see an ominous parallel between the Soviet Navy's challenge to the United States now and Germany's naval challenge to Great Britain before World War I.

Despite Soviet construction of new surface warships whose bristling armaments recall the "pocket" battleships of World War II, some analysts argue that the buildup is a defensive reaction to what the Kremlin perceives as American naval threats. Other authorities, such as former U.S. Navy Chief Elmo Zumwalt, believe that the buildup is designed to support Soviet expansionist policy, up to and including intervention in overseas "wars of

liberation."

Gorshkov himself, who this year marked his 25th anniversary as head of the Soviet Navy, seems clearly willing to have his ships used as an instrument of power politics. The expanded Soviet Navy has been "a great aid to Soviet diplomacy" in Third World regions, he wrote in 1978.

As the Lebanese missile crisis recently heated up, the Soviets moved nine ships into the Mediterranean in just six days, bringing their total fleet in that area to 39. In 1980, when U.S. Marines landed in Lebanon, the Soviets did not put nine ships all told into that sea. The 1962 Cuban missile crisis demonstrated even most strikingly Moscow's lack of warships with a long reach, according to Vice Adm. Sylvester R. Foley, deputy chief of naval operations for plans, policy and operations. "The U.S. naval blockade, I feel, made the Soviets recognize the value of naval power to support national aims far from home," Foley said.

Naval scholars such as Michael McGwire of the Brookings Institution date the Soviet naval expansion to 1961. They argue that it was "largely a response to the rapid buildup" of U.S. strategic and conventional forces ordered then by President John F. Kennedy.

In this view, Soviet warships and submarines,

designed to attack U.S. carriers — whose nuclear bombers are capable of hitting Moscow — and nuclear missiles submarines, were "forward deployed" into deep water, first into the eastern Mediterranean and the Norwegian seas, then into the North Atlantic and Arabian Sea, as the range of U.S. missiles grew.

McGwire and others have maintained that the Soviets developed ocean-going warships to protect their sea lanes through the Atlantic and Indian Oceans, between European Russia and the Soviet Pacific coast. They argue that the Chinese threat to the trans-Siberian railroads require the alternate sea route.

But to Navy Secretary Lehman and Adm. Foley, the Soviets do not have the same critical dependence on the sea as the United States, and Mos-

cow's blue-water navy cannot be justified as a defensive force. "They are out to oppose our lines of communication that bring us raw materials and are vital to resupply Europe if necessary," Foley said. "Soviet ships and submarines cut us off with their Cruise missiles, which are the modern equivalent of naval artillery. They have ranges up to 250 miles, while our maximum range is 80 miles."

While its navy has only about 260 ships, the Soviet Union's commercial and fishing fleets are ready auxiliary vessels. "If one of their civilian tankers is passing nearby, the Soviet Navy can call on it to service its ships," Foley said. "That gives them tremendous flexibility."

Moreover, the Soviets' naval mission has been to keep the United States from exercising free rein in certain ocean regions, not to control those regions themselves. This requires fewer ships than the "sea control" mission.

Among the most striking Soviet advances are:

—Five alpha class titanium-hulled, nuclear-powered attack submarines, which are the fastest (perhaps 45 knots), deepest diving (up to 4,000 feet) in the world; construction techniques (used on these vessels) may be applied to missile submarines.

—The "pocket battleship" *Kirov*, with a sister ship under construction, is the Soviet's first nuclear-powered warship, "twice the size of any surface combatant, other than an aircraft carrier, to be built since World War II," Shapiro said. It is equipped with new generations of surface-to-air missiles, long-range anti-ship Cruise missiles, and anti-sub missiles, as well as various guns and helicopters.

Even before these technological developments are felt, the Soviets have already "forced the United States to share control of the sea," according to Prof. Bill of Oxford. "The distribution of naval power is better described today in terms of equilibrium rather than in terms of preponderance of a single state," Bill wrote. This balance "is an exception, not a normal situation in ocean affairs, and its implications for world politics are not yet fully apparent."

Lehman, with White House support, wants to increase the U.S. Navy by one-third, to about 600 ships, including 15 carrier-centered battle groups (up from the present 12) to comprise a three-ocean fleet (instead of the present two-ocean capability.)

Soviet shipbuilding shows no signs of slackening, however. Last year the Soviets launched three new classes of submarines, for example, totaling 14 vessels, nine of them nuclear. By comparison, the United States launched two (nuclear) submarines all told in 1980.

The Soviets launched the first gigantic *Typhoon* ballistic missile submarine which, at more than 50,000-ton displacement, is by far the world's largest submersible. Three more *Typhoons* are under construction. The Soviets have four so-called "Aviation Cruisers" with helicopters and jet aircraft aboard. Two more are under construction. In addition, they have begun manufacturing components and preparing shipyards for their first nuclear-powered carrier, which is expected to displace up to 75,000 tons and carry high-performance, fixed-wing jets.

By 1990 the Soviets will have the ships needed to form at least five carrier-centered battle groups, and authorities such as J.S. Bremner, writing in the *Naval War College Review*, argue that the goals and mission of the Soviet fleet thereafter will shift from "sea denial" to become "the more traditional goal of a great naval power: maritime supremacy."

The Soviets "have made technological advances which in some cases are superior to our own," Rear Adm. Summer Shapiro, chief of naval intelligence, recently told Congress. "We can no longer depend on superior American technology to offset Soviet numbers." — (LAT)

## Saudi Arabian Press Review

Newspapers mostly led with King Khalid's message to the leaders of the Arab states of the Gulf on the outcome of his recent tour of West Europe. Some papers, however, gave lead coverage to the deliberations of the Arab Follow-Up Committee on Lebanon which are taking place in Jeddah, and said that the Committee is concentrating on ending relations of some parties with the Zionist enemy.

In a broad front-page story, *Al Riyad* reported that the Jerusalem Committee of France held its first meeting in Paris Tuesday, chaired by Habib Chatti, Secretary General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC). Chatti was reported as saying that Arab rifts are not perpetual and Israel will collapse as Rhodesia had earlier. The reported shooting down of five Soviet military aircraft by Afghan revolutionaries also figured prominently as a front-page story.

Newspaper editorials generally discussed the mission of the Arab Follow-Up Committee on Lebanon. *Al Medina* said that, since the Committee has been successful in paving the way for a dialogue, it is expected that more positive steps will be taken to thrash out the problems which have inflamed the situation in the country for the past five years. The paper hoped that the parties concerned in Lebanon have by now realized that the Zionist enemy is the enemy of all Arabs and cannot be friendly to any party among the Arabs.

On the same subject, *Al Riyad* observed that the Committee's main task now would be to find a meeting ground for the various concepts on the

unity and sovereignty of Lebanon. After it has done this, the Committee will be called upon to tackle the remaining few points of difference, so it can pave the way for a third meeting which will provide a decisive point in the preparation of a draft for national conciliation.

*Al Jazirah* said in an editorial that the condition for the progress of the Committee's deliberations will, in the first instance, be in the hands of all parties concerned in Lebanon. Though all parties had agreed at Beiteddine to maintain a ceasefire, still some minor violations have taken place. It is therefore hoped that everyone concerned will try to maintain the ceasefire, so that a congenial atmosphere is created for national conciliation. As regards the Kingdom, the paper said, it will spare no efforts to realize peace, tranquillity and stability for Lebanon. At the same time, it will be necessary for all parties concerned to prove to the world that the Arabs are capable of rearranging their house by themselves, thwarting the Israeli enemy's attempt to create dissension and discord among them.

Dealing with the Committee's efforts, *Al Bileed*



# Millions in Seoul denounce Kim rule

SEOUL, June 24 (AP) — Effigies of North Korean leader Kim Il-Sung and his son — and perhaps political heir — Kim Chong-II, were burned in this South Korean capital Wednesday at a giant rally on the eve of the 31st anniversary of the start of the Korean war.

Unofficial estimates of the throng that gathered at Yoido Plaza in the Han River ranged up to two million. The participants carried banners and placards denouncing the Communist North Korean regime and calling for peaceful unification of the divided peninsula. Speakers included two recent defectors from the North.

Although there was no official word, more impetus appeared to be given to the anniversary observance this year than in many past years. For days there have been detailed stories and pictures in newspapers recalling the conflict, while television and radio have carried war documentaries and plays.

Some sources speculated that the added emphasis reflected official concern that many among the generations of younger people do not appreciate the agony of that period and resulting, continuing confrontation with North Korea.

The Korean War began in the early-morning darkness of June 25, 1950, as monsoon rains swept the peninsula. With air support and spearheaded by tanks, powerful North Korean troops plunged down the Uijongbu corridor, long a traditional invasion route to the South. Seoul fell within three days.

United Nations forces, the largest contingent American, came to the aid of South Korea, while Chinese troops later intervened to support the North. Bitter fighting went on until an armistice agreement was signed July 27, 1953.

When it was over, an estimated 2,407,000 people had been killed or maimed in three years, one month and two days of what had been termed "limited war" or a "police action." South Korean military losses reached 140,000 dead and more than 700,000 wounded. The United States had 142,091 casualties, 33,629 of them men killed in combat.

The uneasy truce, broken by occasional bloody incidents, has held since then, but there is no peace accord. The United States still has about 39,000 military personnel here to support South Korea's 600,000-strong allied forces. North Korea's military strength is put at 700,000.

## Cambodia conference to begin on July 23

HONOLULU, Hawaii, June 24 (AP) — The international conference on Cambodia opening in New York on July 23 could be adjourned after only one or two days in the hope Vietnam will later decide to join, a senior U.S. official said Wednesday.

The official, accompanying Secretary of State Alexander Haig on his current Far East tour, was speaking to journalists aboard the plane bringing Haig from New Zealand to Honolulu.

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## Fiber link seen sufficient to charge Atlanta suspect

ATLANTA, June 24 (R) — A judge has ruled that there was sufficient evidence for a grand jury to consider whether to charge Wayne Williams with the murder of one of 28 young blacks killed in Atlanta over the past two years. Fulton county judge Albert Thompson made his ruling after a three-hour procedural hearing.

Williams, a 23-year-old black who sat silently through the hearing, was arrested Sunday in connection with the murder of Nathaniel Cater. Cater's body was found in the Chattahoochee River on May 24. Experts testified Tuesday that up to six strands of fibers from Williams' possessions matched fibers found on Cater's body. Police officers who questioned Williams on a bridge over the river on May 22 also testified. Williams' lawyer, Tony Axon called the state's case "speculation, surmise and newspaper reports" and asked the judge to set his client free.

But the judge ordered that Williams, a free-lance music promoter and television cameraman, remain under heavy guard in an isolation cell at the Fulton county jail.

The main prosecution witness was Larry Petersen, a micro-analyst for the Georgia state crime lab. He testified that a fiber from a green carpet in Williams' bedroom, one from a bedspread and two or three from the carpet of his car appeared



ATLANTA VICTIM: Nathaniel Cater, the 28th victim in the Atlanta slayings. The discovery of his body in the Chattahoochee River has led to the arrest of Wayne Williams.

to match fibers taken from Cater's head on May 24. Williams did not testify and was protected by deputy sheriffs from a crowd of 200 that packed the courtroom.

## India, China to evolve border dispute solution

NEW DELHI, June 24 (AFP) — India holds no illusion about a possible quick solution to the long-standing Sino-Indian border dispute during Chinese Foreign Minister Huang Hu's five-day visit beginning Friday, sources close to the Indian Foreign Office said Wednesday.

"The most important task facing Huang and his Indian counterpart, P.V. Narasimha Rao will be to strive for laying down the principles on which the border (issue) can be negotiated," a ministry source said.

"Indications are that both sides are willing to try it out and if they succeed in laying down the principles, the visit will be considered a

success, but we do not expect there will be a quick and dramatic solution," he added. Leading Indian newspapers are of the view that Huang's visit, the first by a Chinese dignitary since April 1960 will not bring any sudden change in the relations between the two countries which have been strained since the 1962 border war.

Huang, who is scheduled to arrive here in the early hours of Friday, will have at least two rounds of talks with Rao. He will also call on President Neelam Sanjiva Reddy and Prime Minister Indira Gandhi before leaving on a sight-seeing tour of the Taj Mahal city of Agra and the southern city of Madras June 29.

From Madras he will continue his South-Asian tour June 30, with visits to Sri Lanka and the Indian Ocean Maldives Islands. Huang who will lead a nine-member delegation, will be accompanied by his wife, He Liliang who is also senior official in the Chinese Foreign Ministry.

There is no fixed agenda for the talks, but sources said that the border issue and the prospect of improving bilateral diplomatic economic and cultural relations will dominate the talks.

The Chinese, according to official records, claim over 129,000 square kms under Indian occupation in the northeast including parts of Assam and Arunachal Pradesh, while India maintains that the Chinese have seized 37,000 square kms of its land in the western border area of Ladakh and Aksai Chin.

Meanwhile, Chinese ambassador Shen Jian said Tuesday that China wants to further improve its relations with India and will adopt a positive attitude during the foreign ministers' talks. Shen told the Indian news agency PTI that his country wanted to strengthen ties with India and he believed that there was a similar desire on the Indian side.

### Indonesian hijacking

## Commandos said given U.S. help

NEW YORK, June 24 (AP) — A small U.S. military anti-terrorist team assisted Indonesian commandos who overpowered hijackers of an Indonesian airliner held in Thailand in March, *The New York Times* reported Wednesday.

The Times said American officials described U.S. aid as primarily providing expensive specialized equipment and weapons that were developed recently. The Americans also trained the Indonesians in the use of the equipment but did not take part in the raid itself, the officials stressed.

The hijacking began March 28 when five armed men commanded a Garuda Airlines Turbo jet during a domestic flight in Indonesia. There were 55 passengers and crew members aboard, including three Americans. The hijackers ordered the pilot to fly first to Penang, Malaysia, and then to Bangkok.

They then demanded that President Suharto of Indonesia release about 80 persons that the hijackers said were political prisoners. Suharto, evidently playing for time, told the terrorists that he agreed, but

it would take time to get through to all necessary Thai officials, find a country to accept them and make other arrangements.

The Times said it was not known whether Suharto asked for assistance, but President Ronald Reagan decided to send the anti-terrorist team with the permission of the Thai and Indonesian governments. The Americans had only one day to train the Indonesians to use the special equipment.

At 2:40 a.m. March 31, about 20 Indonesian commandos slipped across the tarmac of the airport, quietly propped ladders against the jet's fuselage and climbed onto the wings. Using the special American equipment, they forced open two doors and burst inside.

In the three-minute battle that followed, the commandos killed three of the five hijackers and wounded a fourth who later died in a hospital. The chief pilot, one of the commandos and a few passengers were wounded, but all 55 passengers and crew members survived. An American and a Briton had escaped before the commando assault began.

It was the nearly incredible adventures of Super-Thomas Cook that followed.

## U.S. denies meddling in affairs of Zambia

WASHINGTON, June 24 (AP) — State Department spokesman David Passage has called Zambia's action in expelling two American diplomats "a grave one" to the tradition of friendship between the two countries. "We categorically deny the charge that our two diplomats were engaged in any inappropriate activity and any suggestion that the United States seeks to interfere in the internal affairs of Zambia," Passage said.

He added that the administration is at a "bit of a loss" to explain why the Zambians expelled the diplomats. Other sources said, however, the Zambian government has been showing signs of instability lately and may have been concerned about contacts the diplomats have had with opposition political figures in that country. The sources emphasized that such contacts are routine and are a widely accepted diplomatic practice.

American relations with black Africa are bound to sour further because of the Zambian action. "Ironically, this is likely to benefit the South African conservatives by pushing the United States closer to them," a Western diplomatic source commented in Johannesburg Tuesday.

Zambian sources said the expulsions were ordered after a second unsuccessful attempt to overthrow President Kenneth Kaunda's government. But these sources said the American expulsions were not connected with this coup attempt, which was said to involve South African commandos, Katangans mercenaries and some Zambians.

Kaunda also had accused South Africa, whose white-minority government is anathema in black Africa, of involvement in an alleged coup attempt last October.

The diplomatic source discounted the claim of South African involvement, saying "there is not a shred of evidence to prove that: If South Africa ever decided to topple Kaunda they could do it." But the source said there might be something to the allegation of Katangans support for anti-Kaunda dissidents.

Kaunda, meanwhile, decided to cancel his planned trip to the Organization of African Unity summit meeting in Nairobi, Kenya.

## U.S. court OKs secret search of foreign agents

WASHINGTON, June 24 (AP) — The U.S. government has won a ruling from the secret foreign intelligence surveillance court that it need not obtain warrants to search property and offices controlled by foreign agents in the United States.

The action reverses a policy adopted by the Justice Department near the end of the Carter administration as a safeguard to civil liberties and protection from unreasonable searches.

The ruling was issued by presiding judge George L. Hart Jr. on June 11 and released Tuesday by the Justice Department. It was the first decision by the court ever disclosed to the public. The court was established by a 1978 law to operate entirely in secret and to grant warrants for electronic surveillance in the United States of foreign agents.

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GERMAN SQUATTER: West Berlin police carry away a squatter from a house in the district of Zehlendorf Tuesday. The spacious house was occupied by squatters for nearly two months while the owners were in possession of a communist permit to demolish the building.

### Rare privilege

## Soviets seek family holiday

MOSCOW, June 24 (AFP) — Soviet citizens are demanding new rights — to annual family holidays, a rare privilege. Usually husband and wife, working in different factories or offices, find they are given different holiday dates.

"We have been married for three years and we have a two-year-old child, but we have never been able to take a holiday together," a young woman complained recently in a letter to the *Komsomolskaya Pravda*, official newspaper of the Soviet Communist youth movement.

If an official publication publishes a letter on this kind of subject, it means the complaint expresses the view of many Soviet citizens and is therefore taken seriously by the authorities. In this case the writer went on: "The government has so far not been able to solve this problem of family holiday."

The difficulty arises from the Soviet system itself, as factories and offices do not close for annual holidays as in many other countries. Workers are sent on holidays at dates seemingly picked by chance, or according to the needs of the service.

The result is that summer holidays — usually a month in the Soviet Union — are often given to husbands and wives on different dates. There is no doubt this is a nationwide

## Columbia readying for encore trip

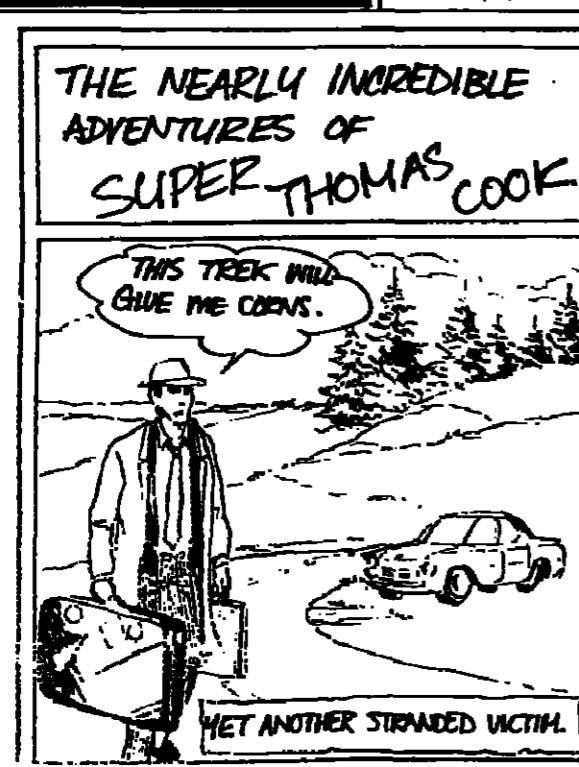
COCOA BEACH, Florida, June 24 (AP) — Plans are proceeding smoothly for the U.S. space shuttle *Columbia*'s Sept. 30 encore mission, which will last nearly 125 hours — more than twice as long as the first, officials have announced.

"It is going to be one busy flight, more of a working flight rather than a test flight," said Bill Green, a Rockwell International technical expert. He and officials of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) held a special briefing Tuesday.

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## Borg whips Purcell to advance

LONDON, June 24 (AFP) — Title-holder top seed Bjorn Borg needed just one 22 minutes to defeat Mel Purcell of the United States 6-4, 6-1, 6-3, in the second of the men's singles at the Wimbledon Tennis Tournament here Wednesday. The match had been interrupted for nearly hour before Borg came back out to finish the match.

Americans Chris Evert-Lloyd and Martina Navratilova were both easy winners in the second round of the women's singles. Evert-Lloyd defeated Yvonne Vermaak of South Africa 6-1, 6-2, while Navratilova beat Sue Mazzoni of the United States 6-1.

Earlier on Tuesday, Guillermo Vilas' embarrassing run of Wimbledon failures ended when he crashed out of the first round to Mark Edmondson of Australia. seeded tenth this year, the 28-year-old court specialist has never been at home since and Edmondson's fine win over Rosenthal in the final of the Bristol tournament last week looked ominous.

Edmondson, who is only 26, but looks like earlier because of a receding hairline, had a lightning start and his powerful serve

volley game soon had Vilas two sets down. The former U.S. and French Open champion eventually worked out a counter to upset the Australian and he struggled back to two sets all with the help of some ragged passing shots.

The final set went with serve until the sixth game when Edmondson forced the pace and a weak forehand into the net from Vilas gave him the break. From then on, Edmondson only had to hold serve to win through and that he did with the minimum of fuss.

Vilas said it had taken him all of two sets to work out what to do with Edmondson and by then it was too late to change things. Edmondson, who won the Australian Open in 1976, merely said, "one match is nothing, winning a tournament is another matter all together."

Vilas is the fourth seed to fall after Yannick Noah, Victor Pecci and Ivan Lendl and all four are from the bottom half of the draw. That is good news for John McEnroe who now only has Roscoe Tanner, Hungarian Balazs Taroczy en route for a passage in the final.

The Vilas upset apart the day belonged to the ladies and more particularly to a 14-year-old schoolgirl from Morgan County

## Baseball talks resume

By Cynthia Shanley

Houston Bureau

HOUSTON, June 24 — Both sides of the baseball strike were to meet again Wednesday, with federal mediator Kenneth Moffett on the 13th day of the first in-season bout in major-league history.

On that same day, baseball owners began collect \$50 million worth of insurance. Management's \$50 million insurance policy is 153-game deductible, which was cashed Wednesday, and after that the owners will receive \$10,000 for each game lost to the walkout.

Health insurance protection, purchased at a minimum of \$2 million, will last through 500 games, meaning that if the strike continues, owners will be receiving payments until

Vilas had indicated last Friday that he would not reconvene the talks unless there was some indication of movement. On Tuesday Moffett said there was interest for a meeting from one side, but he declined to say which side had expressed the "nuance."

Pitcher Tom Seaver of the Cincinnati Reds, who had participated in negotiations last week, said he now believes that the strike will be longer than two months. "My expectations now are the worst," he said. "It's been awful. Absolutely nothing has been done. There has been no reason for any hope."

Coghlan clocked three minutes 52.11 seconds, Flynn 3:53.83 and Frank O'Meara, a dent at the University of Arkansas, took rd place in 3:58.83. Another Irishman flying at Arkansas, David Taylor, was fifth in 3:59.73. All were indebted to Brian Keefe, of Ireland and Villanova University, who set a fast pace for three laps. Coghlan's first big meeting of the

season. The Irishman, 28, plans on competing in the United States later this summer.

Meanwhile, Portugal, pleading lack of funds, has forfeited from the semifinals of the European Athletics Cup on July 4th and 5th in Warsaw and Frankfurt respectively.

The Portuguese Athletics Federation did not have the \$20,000 needed to transport their men's and women's teams. Their men's team had qualified following the forfeit of Romania while their women's team finished third to Spain and Greece in a meeting in Barcelona to qualify.

Denmark, Ireland and Iceland are expected to qualify for the semifinals in Warsaw, Helsinki next month. Turkey and injury-hit Luxembourg, seem to have little chance or reaching the next round.



WORLD TRIP: Italian cyclist Franco Nicotella rode into Sydney Tuesday after a 4,000-mile journey across Australia from Perth. Nicotella, who is on an around-the-world cycle trip, said he spent more than \$300 on water crossing the parched interior of Australia, where water cost 50 cents a litre.

## Barclay helps Sussex strengthen top berth

LONDON, June 24 (AP) — John Barclay, in his first year as captain, led Sussex to its third championship win of the season at Ilford on Tuesday. His side carved out an eight-point lead at the top of the standings after demolishing Essex by an innings and 21 runs.

Barclay and Chris Waller, the two Sussex spinners, took eight wickets between them as Essex, who started the day in an already hopeless position, was bowled out for 246 in its second innings. The game was over by tea.

Northamptonshire gained its first win of the season beating Derbyshire by nine wickets at Derby. Wayne Larkins, giving a hint to the England selectors with the second Test match against Australia only a week away, smashed a superb 126 in just 115 minutes, while his captain, opener Geoff Cook, hit 120 not out in a first-wicket stand of 239.

Set 276 to win at an average of almost 90 runs an hour, Northants reached the target just one wicket down and with more than four overs to spare. Earlier, Derbyshire had declared at 257 for five, with Peter Kirsten scoring 114, his first century of the season.

Northamptonshire's chances of taking over at the top of the table were thwarted by David Lloyd's gritty 128 not out for Lancashire at Liverpool. After staring the day facing an innings defeat, the hosts reached 320 for three. As well as Lloyd's performance, Frank Hayes hit 98. Northamptonshire's New Zealand fast bowler, Richard Hadlee, never reproduced the form that gave him astonishing figures of 7 for 25 in Lancashire's first innings.

West Indian Viv Richards hit his second century in three innings for Somerset. Richards hammered 118 against Worcester-

shire and helped Somerset, 185 behind on first innings, to score 331 for four and force a draw.

He added 162 with skipper Brian Rose, who made 107. It was Rose's first 100 since he started batting in spectacles this season because of eye trouble which forced his premature return from England's Caribbean tour earlier this year.

The scores: At Ilford, Sussex beat Essex by an innings and 21 runs. Sussex 436 for four dec. (Paul Parker 132, Gehan Mendis 119). Essex 165 and 246.

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At Worcester, Worcestershire drew with Somerset. Somerset 246 and 331 for four dec. (Vivian Richardson 118, Brian Rose 107). Worcestershire 437 for six dec. (Dilip Patel 105 n.o., Philip Neale 101).

At Southampton, Hampshire drew with Gloucestershire. Hampshire 349 for three dec. (Derek Randall 162 n.o., Clive Rice 102). Gloucestershire 277 for five dec. (Zaheer Abbas 101 n.o., Sadiq Muhammed 100) and 270 for six.

At Liverpool, Nottinghamshire 329 for three dec. (Derek Randall 162 n.o., Clive Rice 102). Lancashire 179 and 320 for three.

Other matches: Warwickshire drew with Sri Lanka. Warwickshire 274 for seven dec. and 268 for three. Sri Lanka 335 and 91 for two.

Oxford University 222 and 274 for four dec. Cambridge University 236 for seven dec. and 155 for three. Match drawn.

## BRIEFS

TOKYO, (AFP) — Relief is in sight for American baseball fans frustrated by the on-going baseball strike. They can at least watch Japanese pro players playing next week. A spokesman for Japan's Yomiuri Giants professional baseball team announced Wednesday that two games between the Yomiuri Giants and the Hiroshima Carp, another Japanese pro team, at Tokyo's Korakuen Ballpark this weekend will be televised in the United States next week.

LAS PALMAS, Canary Islands, (AFP) — Dutch grandmaster Jan Timman jumped into the lead alone in the International Chess Tournament here with a win over American Yasser Seirawan. Dane Bent Larsen and Soviet exile Victor Korchnoi, previously tied for the lead, dropped back to second place.

LE MANS, France, (AFP) — A judge supervising an inquest here into the fatal accident on June 13 of French driver Jean

## McEnroe fined \$1,500

WIMBLEDON, England, June 24 (AP) — American tennis star John McEnroe Tuesday was fined \$1,500 by the committee of management of the all-England Lawn Tennis Championships.

The 22-year-old New York left-hander, the No. 2 seed at Wimbledon, also was warned that any future misconduct at the championships could result in his being suspended.

McEnroe was at the center of a controversy Monday after insulting officials during his first round win over Tom Gullikson. He called one official "an incompetent fool" and allegedly used a four-letter-word to insult tournament referee Fred Hoyles. The excitable American broke his racket in half during the second set of the match and had two penalty points awarded against him. McEnroe had a running battle with umpire Edward James during the match. A statement issued by the secretary of the all-England Club, Chris Gorring, said: "on the recommendation of the referee, the committee of management has fined McEnroe the maximum amount, of \$1,500 for his behavior in Monday's match."

"Furthermore, McEnroe has been seen by the referee on behalf of the committee of management and warned that any further misconduct will be interpreted as 'aggravated behavior' under 'major offenses' of the players' code of conduct."

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## Chiefs stage fine rally to scrape past Rowdies

ATLANTA, Georgia June 24 (AP) — Brian Kidd scored a pair of goals, the first on a penalty kick, to lead the Atlanta Chiefs to a come-from-behind North American Soccer League 5-4, victory over Tampa Bay Rowdies Tuesday night.

Kidd's second goal for the Chiefs, 10-8 came on a pass from Brian Alderson. The Chiefs remain in first place in the Southern Division, ahead of the Fort Lauderdale Strikers. The Rowdies, 8-12 are in last place in the Southern Division.

Cordoba is final.

In Seoul, South Korea, the Racing de Corrida de Argentina beat Brazil's Victoria 2-1 Wednesday, advancing to the final of the President's Cup International Soccer Tournament.

The Argentinians will clash with South Korea in the finals Friday. The host eleven-blanked Uruguay's Danubio 2-0 in the other semifinal match at the Seoul Municipal Stadium.

Santos prevails

Meanwhile, Feyenoord Rotterdam beat Penarol of Uruguay 1-0 in the five-club soccer tournament in Milan Tuesday night. Substitute Peters scored 12 minutes from time. The 15,000 crowd saw little to applaud. After the goal Penarol at last attacked but too late to earn a draw.

Later, Santos of Brazil beat the host club,

Milan, 2-1. Elcio netted both the goals for Santos while Bartolini reduced the margin.

Mulhall replaces Anderson

English Second Division football side Bolton Wanderers have appointed assistant manager George Mulhall to replace Stan Anderson, who left last month.

It is Mulhall's second spell at Bolton as he continues an association which began in 1974. Then he was appointed assistant to Ian Greaves and after four years left to become manager of Bradford City.

Shortly before the end of last season he returned as assistant to Anderson, after which Bolton's form improved dramatically.

Leeds to sign Victorino

First Division team Leeds United has decided against a spending spree in Austria. The club ended plans to buy Austrian international Walter Schachner after seeing him in action for his club Vienna over the weekend.

The Club's assistant manager Martin Wilkinson said: "he was very disappointing. He is a tall man but his timing in the air was terrible."

Leeds would now concentrate on Nacionale Montevideo forward: Victorino who is under a month and a half suspension.

The Yorkshire team has already had talks with Nacionale about Victorino but they don't want to buy without seeing him play.

## France Rugby Union team struggles

MELBOURNE, Australia, June 24 (AP) — France struggled to an 11-6 (4-0 half-time) win over a Victoria team here Tuesday, in the fourth Rugby Union match of their Australian tour.

Meanwhile, Oxford University's Rugby Union tour of Zimbabwe has been called off as the Zimbabwe government were not prepared to allow two South Africans to play for the university on the tour.

The University Rugby Football Club said they were not prepared to accept any constraints on their selection. The list of names submitted to Zimbabwe included South African Blues, lock forward Chris Hugo Hammond and hooker Steve Hofmeyr.

Alan Taylor, the treasurer of the University club, who would have been manager of the five-match tour, said "it was a collective decision by the team that if we could not take the two South Africans with us, we would not go on the tour."

## U.K. soccer players buckle to pressure

JOHANNESBURG, June 24 (R) — Fourteen visiting British football players told sports officials Tuesday they could not go ahead with their four scheduled matches in South Africa.

Organizers of the controversial tour said Tuesday night it has been canceled because of the sanctions threatened by the players' clubs, the English Football Association and FIFA, the world governing body of soccer.

George Thabe, president of the South African Football Council, announced the cancellation at a press conference on the eve of the scheduled first match of the visit by 14 British players.

A FIFA spokesman said in Switzerland earlier Tuesday that the players, who arrived last weekend and planned coaching clinics and exhibition games, faced sanctions.

FIFA expelled South Africa several years ago and forbade contacts with this country as part of a wide-ranging sports ban protesting against apartheid. "Unfortunately, because of all the pressure exerted on the players, we have no alternative but to call off the tour," Thabe said.

## Taipei suspension lifted

TAIPEI, June 24 (CNA) — The Federation of International Basketball Association (FIBA) has notified the Basketball Association of the Republic of China of its decision to restore BAROC's membership, after a seven-year suspension.

In a telegram to the BAROC, the FIBA said the Republic of China will be allowed to participate in the FIBA competitions under the name of Chinese Taipei Basketball Association.

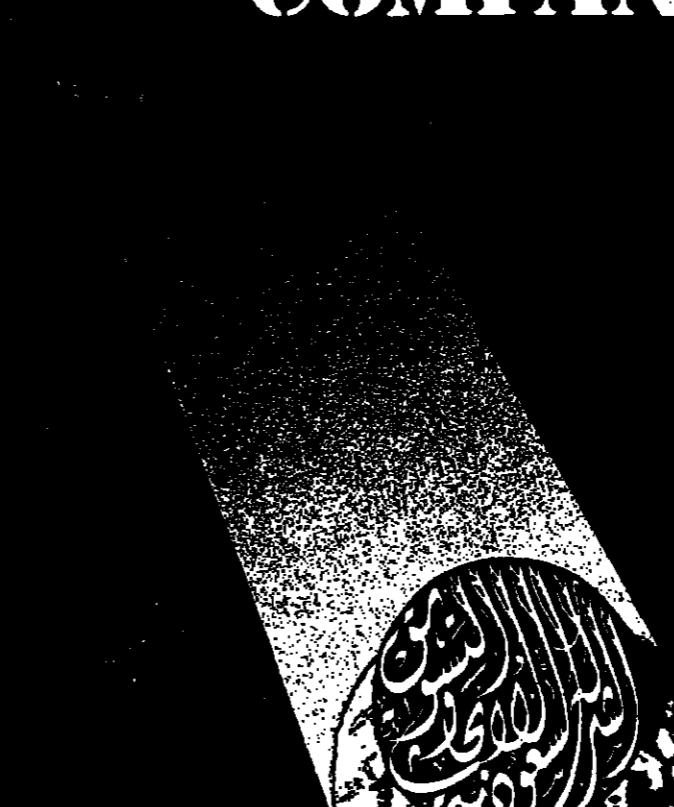
The decision was taken at an FIBA extraordinary meeting held in Czechoslovakia June 8, the telegram said.

The FIBA suspended the membership of the Republic of China after a meeting held in Puerto Rico on July 10, 1974.

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Panel okays tax cuts

## Congress ups defense by \$2.6b

WASHINGTON, June 24 (AP) — The House of Representatives voted Tuesday to authorize an addition \$2.66 billion for research and construction on U.S. military weapons during the current fiscal year.

The measure, approved 361-50, was sent to a likely compromise conference with the Senate, which had approved a \$2.8 billion version of the supplemental bill on April 7.

Among weapons programs, \$327.5 million was earmarked for purchases of the new M-1 tank and \$143 million for M-60 tanks, the backbone of the United States armored force in recent years.

As the Senate had done, the house set aside \$139 million to begin reactivation of the mothballed aircraft carrier *Oriskany*. But unlike the Senate, the house included no money for bringing the World War II-era battleship *New Jersey* back into service. The house had approved funds for the *New Jersey* in its original 1981 military authorization.

The house-approved bill was some \$376 million below the total sought by the Reagan administration, with the economies made by scaling back a number of weapons purchases and research and development projects. Members also approved a measure to increase the army's total authorized active-duty personnel to 4,700 men and women, to 340,900. The bill also authorizes a

total of 10,000 more uniformed personnel for the air force, navy and marine corps and 27,900 more civilian positions in the defense department.

Meanwhile, the Senate Finance Committee approved a series of tax cuts for special groups Tuesday but rejected a liberal plan to shift more of President Reagan's planned tax reductions from wealthy to middle-income groups.

The committee threw out two amendments that would give larger tax cuts than Reagan proposed to people earning under \$50,000. But it approved a series of new tax cuts, including relief for two-wage-earner married couples and a plan to permit employees on company pension to deduct up to \$1,000 a year in tax free individual retirement accounts.

The action came as committee chairman Robert Dole told the Republican-dominated group he wanted to complete action on the overall Reagan tax bill of personal and business cuts Wednesday.

Reagan had endorsed most of the extra provisions with the aim of winning more support in Congress for his proposed 25 percent tax cut over three years. Reagan has been pressing Congress to approve the bill by Aug. 1 so that the administration can

implement the first five percent stage of personal tax cuts on Oct. 1.

The president invited 40 Democrats from the House of Representatives to breakfast at the White House, up Tuesday. He urged them to support both the tax cuts and sweeping reductions in spending on social services.

Democrats charge that the across-the-board Reagan plan unfairly benefits the rich. On Thursday they plan to unveil an alternative program, with tax cuts aimed specially at helping middle income groups.

Reagan's national security adviser, Richard Allen, said, meanwhile, that the president should be able to move on to "other fields of concentration" when his domestic program was in place by the end of the summer. Allen was defending the administration against charges that it had no comprehensive foreign policy and did not know where it was going.

"That is not true," Allen, in a rare on-the-record speech told a meeting of American stock exchange members. "Above all, the president is committed to his domestic program. It has top priority in his mind."

Allen did not list what other fields Reagan would then turn to, but suggested they would be in foreign affairs. He said Reagan had already succeeded in rebuilding confidence in U.S. leadership among its NATO allies.

## West's aid to poor states hits \$26b mark

PARIS, June 24 (R) — Official development aid to the world's poorest nations from major non-communist industrial countries rose to a provisional \$6.7 billion last year from \$2.4 billion in 1979, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) said Wednesday.

But the OECD in its annual report on its 17-nation development assistance committee (DAC), said the 19 percent nominal rise was cut to nine percent in real terms allowing for inflation.

It also said this relatively favorable result was influenced by the irregular timing of some credits and grants, with the U.S., which accounts for a large part of the total, issuing aid in 1980 originally earmarked for 1979.

As a percentage of gross national product the group's official aid handouts in 1980 rose only slightly to 0.37 from 0.35 percent.

DAC chairman John Lewis told a press conference last November that high oil prices and the economic recession would prevent DAC countries reaching their aid target of 0.7 percent of GNP by the mid-1980's.

The OECD said the Netherlands, Japan and France continued to increase their development aid in 1980. Aid from Austria, Italy, Finland and Switzerland, which had been below average, improved. But aid from Canada fell to its lowest level since 1973 in proportion to its GNP and aid from Britain fell 15 percent to a record low, following its policy of aid cuts and restriction on public spending.

The report said U.S. official development aid may fall in the short term. Longer term prospects were uncertain because of the Reagan administration's decision to reduce the growth of federal spending. Overall development aid from the DAC group, including private and official grants and credits, fell to an estimated \$7.2 billion last year from \$7.5 billion in 1979, or 1.02 percent of GNP against 1.16 percent.

Official aid granted by members of the Organization of Oil Exporting Countries (OPEC) rose to a record \$7 billion from \$6.2 billion. But in terms of their GNP it was slightly lower at 1.45 percent.

Official development aid last year from communist states rose an estimated three

## ISO leaves sugar quotas unchanged

LONDON, June 24 (AP) — The executive committee of the International Sugar Organization agreed Tuesday to leave export quota unchanged and not to suspend them.

Susensions are called for when the 15-day average world price of raw sugar rises over 17 cents a pound weight. When the executive committee last met, June 8, this average had risen to 17.44 cents a pound but failed to stay for six days running over the 17 cents level. On June 22, it fell to 16.54 cents a pound while on that day the daily average had fallen to 15.98 cents a pound.

The total effective 1981 export quota, which was under review, will continue to stay

percent to \$1.8 billion due to increased aid from the Soviet Union, whose share in this group rose to 87 percent. Afghanistan, Cuba, Kampuchea, Laos and Vietnam are the main countries to benefit from the rise.

According to OECD, the total external debt granted to developing countries from all sources rose to \$4.56 billion from \$3.93 billion.

More importantly, their total debt service

jumped to \$91.4 billion from \$75.1 billion.

Total debt service reflects the repayments of capital and interest rate charges that have to

make each year and provides a more accurate

assessment of the burden the debt places on each country. Brazil and Mexico, the two

largest debtors, accounted for one quarter of the total Third World debt service in 1980.

The report said Mexico might have to lower its present export level of 1.5 million barrels per day (BPD) because of the world oil glut. A French embassy spokesman said the state oil

company Pemex had been informed that

France wanted to cut its present 100,000

BPD from Mexico, but did not say what the

new level would be.

A spokesman at the Japanese embassy told

Reuters Japan was not yet

committed to taking up Pemex's



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## Facing glut

## Mexico set to cut oil exports

MEXICO CITY, June 24 (R) — Mexico is considering cutting its crude exports in the face of a world oil glut and customer reluctance to buy at the price it is asking, official sources have said.

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Mexico reduced the price of its exports by

\$4 a barrel early this month, a move con-

demned by government members and which

led to the resignation of Pemex Director-

General Jorge Diaz Serrano. Since then,

Industrial Development Minister Jose

Andres de Oteyza promised to raise the price

again and review the list of clients at the

beginning of next month.

In a clear reference to customers whose

enthusiasm for Mexican oil appeared to have

waned, Oteyza said "clients will have to con-

sider the possibility that a barrel lost today

could be lost for ever."

## EEC, India sign 5-year agreement

LUXEMBOURG, June 24 (AP) — European Common Market foreign ministers Tuesday signed a new five-year trade and economic cooperation agreement with India.

The two sides had earlier agreed on the

new agreement on April 15. They stressed

Tuesday that they had resisted protectionist

pressures. European Commission's Vice-

President Wilhelm Haferkamp said the

agreement marked "a milestone in EEC-India relations."

He praised India for refusing to restrict imports and for encouraging foreign investments.

The Indian representative said the access to the Common Market was "the cornerstone of our development."

The five-year agreement signed between

India and the community expired in 1979, but had been prolonged from year to year.

The new pact enlarges cooperation to industry, technology and sciences. It will have to be ratified by parliaments of India and the 10 countries.

In another development, India and Australia agreed to expand cooperation in energy research, an Indian official said Tuesday.

He said that Australian minister for

national development and energy, J.L. Carrick, and C.P.N. Singh, India's minister of state for science and technology, agreed to

extend the cooperation to coal technology

and solar thermal applications.

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# OPEC okays \$185m aid to Third World

QUITO, June 24 (R) — The OPEC Fund for International Development has approved loans totaling \$185 million to 33 Third World countries, fund Director-General Ibrahim Shihata has said.

He said Tuesday the loans, approved at the 18th session of the fund's board of governors, were mostly interest-free, to be repaid over 20 years with five years' grace.

Countries which received project loans worth a total of \$114.4 million were: Benin, Kenya, Laos, Maldives, Mali, Nepal, Paraguay, Senegal, Thailand, Togo, North Yemen, South Yemen, Zaire, and Zimbabwe.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) established the fund five years ago to channel surplus oil earnings to bankrupt and underdeveloped nations. The fund has previously granted loans totaling \$1 billion to 76 countries.

The fund's governing board approved the latest loans after the OPEC ministerial council rejected proposals for making contributions to the fund obligatory.

The finance ministers, also failed to cover the fund's current shortfall of \$500 million, caused by the inability of some members.

## Norway slashes oil price by 10%

STAVANGER, Norway, June 24 (AP) — Statoil, the Norwegian state oil company, has decided to lower the price of its North Sea oil qualities by 10 percent effective June 20.

Haakon Lavik, the company's information secretary said the decision was taken after negotiations with all current buyers and mean that the average oil price from Statoil will drop from just below \$40 to just below \$36 per barrel.

"We reduce the price as a natural consequence of the present global price situation and the fact that BNOC, the British State Oil Company, also reduced the price of its North Sea oil to the same level last week," Lavik said.

Oil companies that have not yet reduced their prices for North Sea oil are expected to do so before July 1, when prices for the third quarter of 1981 have to be set.

The American company Phillips Petroleum is having consultations with its buyers and said it may decide on price reductions shortly.

especially Iran, to make good promised contributions. The deficit was part of a \$1.6 billion replenishment of the fund agreed last year.

Conference chairman Cesar Robalino told reporters the ministers decided by a majority to maintain the system of voluntary donations favored by Saudi Arabia, the fund's major contributor. Dr. Robalino said the main outcome of the meeting was a decision to grant up to \$450 million to the United Nations International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), provided industrialized nations contributed \$650 million.

Balance of payment support loans worth a total of \$71 million were approved for 14 countries — Bangladesh, Barbados, Dominican Republic, Jamaica, the Seychelles, Djibouti, Dominican, Equatorial Guinea, Lesotho, Solomon Islands, Grenada, St. Vincent, and Tonga.

The fund also approved grants to finance projects in Bangladesh, Sudan, Benin, Cape Verde, Honduras, Lesotho, Papua New Guinea, and North Yemen.

Shihata said \$9 million was approved for use in local development projects in the Seychelles and upper Volta.

## Japan to spend \$12b on oil hunt

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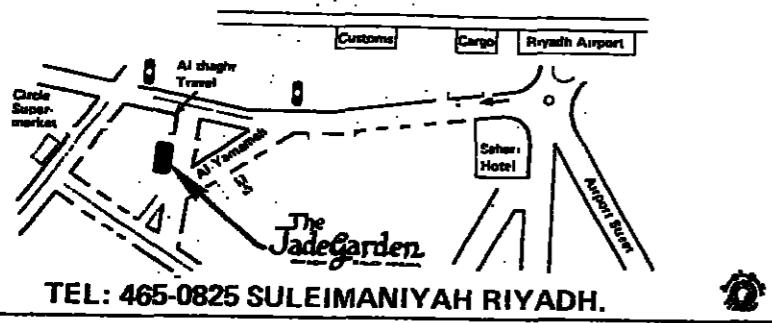


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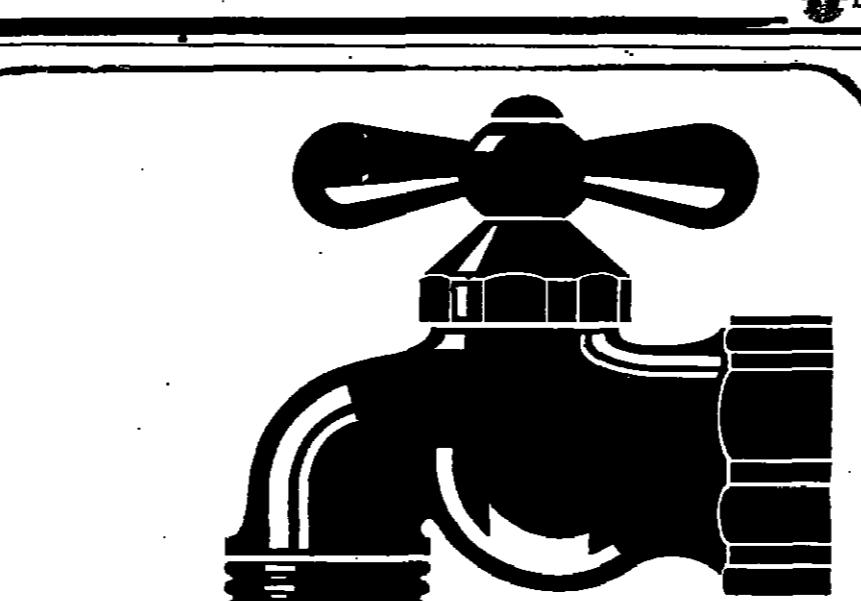
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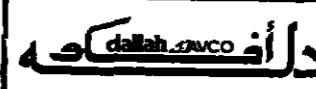
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